

Residential Study Group (RSG)
October 6, 2017
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Arlington Town Hall, First Floor Conference Room
MEETING SUMMARY

Attendees: Pasi Miettinen, Town Manager appointee; Wynelle Evans, Town Manager appointee; Jenny Raitt, Planning and Community Development; Jonathan Nyberg, industry rep; Elizabeth Pyle, Town Meeting Member; Andrew Bunnell, ARB chair.

Guest: Don Seltzer

Jenny opened the meeting. The group made introductions.

Andrew and Jenny provided updates on the status of zoning recodification. There will be a public forum in the next two weeks. A document that compares the existing zoning bylaw with the proposed amendments will be provided. The outreach plan was also discussed.

The group moved to providing updates from the sub-groups. Liz stated that a small group (Jim Feeney, Christine Bongiorno, Andrew Bunnell, and John Martin) met with Adam Chapdelaine on 9/20 to discuss noise abatement and excavation/ rock removal. The group plans to meet again on October 12th. The group has agreed to work toward the establishment of either a Board of Health regulation or Town bylaw that would create a permitting process managed by the Board of Health staff. This process would require developers that are planning to use specific equipment (hoe rams, pile drivers, etc.) to provide a noise and dust abatement plan prior to the issuance of a permit or commencement of work. There are still a number of technical and legal details to work out, and the subgroup plans to engage further with noise abatement experts, geo-technical experts, and Town Counsel to work through these issues.

Pasi provided a presentation on energy efficient homes. He discussed issues such as the housing lifecycle, the town's stated priority goals such as flood reduction and conservation, and that the Zoning Bylaw provides more disincentives than incentives to owners of smaller homes from becoming energy efficient.

Jonathan reported that the Housing Plan Implementation Committee met on October 5th to discuss accessory apartments. A draft bylaw will be forthcoming.

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